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#### WILL DEFEAT ITSELF

Columbia State.  
The result of the recent primaries in Illinois has excited alarm in one camp and triumph in another if one may see in sympathy for one or another group of European belligerents the basis for a political division in America.

Representative of the most rabid Germanophile, of course, is the Farherland which comments with jubilation on the result in Illinois as a triumph for real Americanism. On the other hand, the New Republic, the most intelligent of all the strong-ly anti-German journals, cites the results as follows, with the plain implication of censure:

The recent primary election for county offices, held in Chicago on September 13, indicates deliberate and successful political activity on the part of the German-Americans. The city hall Republicans, headed by Mayor Thompson, nominated a strong pro-German ticket. The Progressive Republicans, headed by Former Gov. Deneen, formed the opposition. The Thompson slate won all places on the county ticket except four offices, and every one of the four Deneen men who smashed the Thompson slate was of German descent. This result is too sweeping to be accidental. It points toward the deliberate organization of

German-Americans as a political unit to control the Republican party.

To be sure these comments, both favorable and unfavorable, deal only with the Republican party—the Americanism of the Democratic party, with its presidential nominee the target for German hate and jingo spleen, can not be questioned. But, should there be real peril that the Republican party, great in its numerical appeal though lacking in logic be captured by a band of men whose hearts are with their remembrance in old Spandau castle, then there would be cause for alarm in the breasts of every real American.

One can conceive of no worse condition of political affairs than a campaign in which the affairs of Europe were brought into question at the ballot box in a presidential election. To allow a group of aliens—and one who puts a foreign country first is on the list of aliens—long to dominate a great political party would mean the downfall of the independence of America, just as surely as would domination by any court of Europe.

But it is hard to feel that there is real danger of this. Even though, as the New Republic charges, the Kaiser-Americans have deliberately set out to capture the Republican party, it must be borne in mind that at most the disloyal can form but a small thought, noisy proportion of the

electorate. The great mass of the American people—the percentage of loyal is overwhelming—can never be corrupted by the machinations of any foreign party and can be depended upon sternly to rebuke at the polls any political entity which allows itself to be taken over by a faction in the interest of any outside power.

German-American activity of the sort charged by the New Republic and welcomed by the Fatherland will fall of its own stupid weight and in the fall will be crushed to atoms. The real result must be the continued cementing of the various elements of the American people into a comprehensive whole, with the utter elimination of power and influence of all who seek to split their loyalty to please a despot of Europe.

#### MANY CASES OF TOADSTOOL POISONING

(By Associated Press.)  
Breslau, Germany, Oct. 9.—No less than 248 cases of toadstool poisoning occurred in Germany during the year 1915, according to statistics just compiled. The cause in general was the unusual harvest of crop of toadstools and mushrooms and an increase in the number of persons who, without any expert knowledge, attempted to take advantage of this source of food supply.

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